



THE CITY OF CORUNNA

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QUARTERLY NEWS

CITY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Work on over six miles of the city's 18 miles of local and major streets is coming to an end for the season, but plans are to start again on city streets and sidewalks in the spring of 2003. Financing for these projects comes from the city's local/major street fund as well as through state revenue funding.

This fall, parts of Bachus St., Ferry St., Mack St., Mizner St., Oliver St., and Pine St. were milled and repaved with three inches of pavement, repairing these badly deteriorating streets.

Also finished is the one and one-half inch pavement overlay on parts of Bachus St., Brady St., Cary St., Cherry St., Crestview Dr., Ridgeview Dr., Emma Dr., King St., Knoll Ct., Margaret St., Mill St., Mizner St., and Woodworth St..

In the spring, a single or double chip seal is planned for all or parts of the following streets: Cherry St., Fred Hein, McDonnell St., Bachus St., John St., Mack St., Mizner St., Oliver St., and Woodworth St.. Replacement of some of the damaged sidewalks in the city is

also in the planning stages for the spring as well as the repair of the Shiawassee Street bridge.

However, states Joe Sawyer, Corunna City Manager, all projects planned for the spring may need to be pared down or cancelled completely if the state reduces city revenues after this year's November election. These funds are already included in the city's budget and their reduction will cause the city to rethink planned projects and improvements.

The city "dodged a bullet", says Sawyer, when the state legislature voted to override Gov. Engler's veto of the revenue sharing in August, but, according to Sawyer, future revenue cuts by the state are not out of the question. "If the state cuts our city revenues, we will have to make changes in our city budget. We will have no choice", says Sawyer.

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Christmas at the Courthouse

Friday, December 6, a spectacular celebration will take place on the front lawn of the Shiawassee County Courthouse when the holiday lights in the courtyard trees are magically lit for the holiday season, just before the start of the Holiday Parade of Lights.

While waiting for the lighting ceremony and parade, stay warm in the courthouse and enjoy a juried craft show from 5:30-9 p.m. The show continues on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The craft show will also feature live entertainment each day and those attending can register for one of many door prizes. Requested admission for both days is a canned food item or contribution to the Salvation Army.

If you would like to help with entertainment or with visitors, please contact Renee Essenburg at (989) 723-7989.

Absentee Ballots Available for November Election

Yvonne Long, Corunna City Clerk, will be at Corunna City Hall, Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to hand out and receive absentee ballots for the general election on November 5. If you are planning to vote by absentee ballot, please contact Corunna City Hall, 743-3650, for an application as soon as possible.

Cookbooks Still Available

The Corunna city cookbook, "Past to Present", is still available at Corunna City Hall and will be sold October 31 at the Halloween Party in McCurdy Park.

The cookbook is a combination of recipes from a 100-year-old City of Corunna cookbook and recipes collected by the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission. The price is \$7.50 and all proceeds from the book go toward the building of a new picnic pavilion near the Playscape in McCurdy Park and possibly another pavilion closer to the river.

Cookbooks will also be available during the Festival of Trees at the Community Center in McCurdy Park and at all Parks and Recreation pancake breakfasts.

New Snow Shoveling Ordinance

Starting this year, it is the duty of the property owner to have their city sidewalks cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the snowfall. All snow and debris must be pushed or shoveled onto the owner's property, not into ditches, gutters, or into or across roads.

The D.P.W. will not shovel snow from residential or commercial sidewalks without a fine to the owner.

CITY SCAVENGER HUNT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 5 P.M.
AT THE MCCURDY PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER

REGISTER AND PICK UP
INSTRUCTIONS
AT CORUNNA CITY HALL.

COST(INCLUDES INDOOR PICNIC):
FAMILY-\$10.00, SINGLE-\$5.00,
SENIORS (65 AND OVER)-\$4.00

CALL JANET WASHBURN, TUESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS AT 743-3650 FOR MORE
INFORMATION.



HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

A "howling" good time is waiting for you at the annual City Halloween Party in McCurdy Park, October 31.

The party starts at 6 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Planned are games, treats, and surprises for ages 0-12.

Again this year, the Corunna's Odyssey of the Mind will present "McCurdy's Revenge" in the commercial building in



McCurdy Park. The haunted attractions this year are: "McCurdy's Mansion", "Scarehouse Fright Maze" and the "Possessed Mine". Dates for McCurdy's Revenge are Saturdays and Sundays through October 20 and everyday from October 24 through 31. Times for all days are from 7 p.m. to midnight. Ticket prices are: McCurdy Mansion-\$8.00, Scarehouse Fright Maze-\$6.00, Possessed Mine-\$4.00 and a multi-pass that allows one person into two attractions-\$10.00.

Parade Planned

The Corunna Holiday Parade of Lights, scheduled for the evening of December 6, between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m., in downtown Corunna, is looking for decorated floats to be a part of the festivities. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to portray the Christmas spirit while using as many holiday lights as possible on their floats.

Sherri Bakos (aka Head Elf) advises that "It's never too early to think about designing your entry". Santa's elves has available float building instructions to help with the planning.

Interested parties may contact Ms. Bakos at (989) 723-5149 for an application, regulations, and float instructions.



Festival of Trees



Mark your calendars for the Festival of Trees in McCurdy Park on December 6-8 and December 13-15.

Fifty trees are planned for this year all donated by area businesses and contributors and decorated by area elementary school classes. Nightly entertainment is also planned.

The Festival of Trees will kick off the season on Friday, December 6, from 5-9 p.m. It will continue on Saturday, December 7, from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, from 5-8 p.m. The Historical Village and park will be decorated with thousands of lights with the village buildings open for viewing during the festival.

Times for the second weekend are: December 13 & 14 from 5-9 p.m. and December 15 from 5-8 p.m. For more information, call Brian Sanderson at (989) 723-5149.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Get your Christmas lists ready and head to the Community Center in McCurdy Park for Breakfast with Santa on December 14, 8-11 a.m.

Pancakes, sausages, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea are on the menu. Cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is: \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free.